

HALL TRAGEDY SHOWS JUDGMENT AWAITS ALL WHO SIN, SAYS PASTOR

Case Is Warning To Modern Youth, Dr. Stratton Writes

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There is a popular and easy going philosophy abroad in the land today that somehow transgressors will be able "to get away with it."

That very expression is in itself significant. But it conveys as complete a falsehood as any with which the devil—"the father of lies," as Jesus truly called him—has ever sought to delude the human race.

The fact of judgment is written deep both in nature and in life. It is universally recognized in the physical realm that the transgression of physical law is ever accompanied by inevitable penalty.

We cannot thrust our hand into the fire without being burned. We cannot step over a precipice without plunging down to destruction.

Judgment Is Certain

Now, while its operation is not so obvious as in the physical realm, nevertheless judgment is just as sure and just as real in the moral and spiritual realm.

The farmer may neglect his spring plowing and loaf around the country store, smoking his pipe, and whittling a stick when he ought to be putting seed into the ground, but if he does those things a judgment day surely awaits him in the fall, when there will be no harvest to gather in and no food and clothing for those dependent upon him.

Reckoning Sure to Come

The merchant may idle his days away and be careless in buying in a high market and selling in a low, but if so, he is on the way to judgment, and the day will come when the sheriff will nail his notice upon his door.

The sanguine young man may squander his father's money in the early days of his college career and spend his time sucking cigarettes, ogling flappers and treading the

WHY I AM WILLING TO WRITE MY COMMENTS ON THIS SAD AND SHOCKING TRAGEDY



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primrose path of dalliance, but if so, a judgment day surely awaits him for the examination time will come at last and it will be demonstrated, before his faculty and family alike, that he really knows nothing, is completely unworthy and deserves the disgrace that falls upon him when he is excluded from the school.

Couple Already Judged

While human society is so intent now in its pursuit of the murderers who perpetrated this particular Hall-Mills crime, we should not overlook the fact that judgment has already fallen swift and sure upon that other guilty couple who, through their transgression of the laws of God and man, brought about this crime that is now engaging the attention of the world.

Because this universe is a cosmos instead of a chaos, righteousness must rule and judgment must fall upon transgressions.

The modern popular idea that somehow we will "get away with it" is not only as false as hell, but it is the very quintessence of silliness.

God Ruling Universe

Some people today have a mushy idea of God. They seem to think

When the invitation from The GRAPHIC to write on the Hall-Mills case came to me through my friend, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Welles Keeler, pastor of the Crawford Memorial Church of New York and religious news editor of The GRAPHIC, I was given the assurance that The GRAPHIC would print my comments precisely as I wrote them, and that the paper desired to do a service for God and man by opening its columns for lessons in right living and straight thinking, in the light of this terrible tragedy, which, because of the prominence of those connected with it and the deplorable conditions that brought it forth, has centered the grieved and amazed attention of the whole world.

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that God is a sort of good natured old grandmother, pampering and spoiling the children; but God is no such being.

God is the righteous ruler of this vast universe, in both the material and spiritual sphere, and He is not mocked.

While a rainbow of mercy and love encircles His throne, nevertheless, its foundations are righteousness and truth.

Lesson of Stern Truth

This age needs again to learn the lesson of these stern, strong old-fashioned truths. Thomas Jefferson once said:

"The world is full of judgment days. Into whatever company a man enters he is gauged and classified, and nothing is surer than that we reap as we sow."

And let all of those elements of our modern society, who live lightly upon the glittering surface of things and who jauntily throw the Ten Commandments upon the junk heap and follow the lure of their own lusts, learn the lesson of the Hall-Mills case, that the payday will surely come and that "the wages of sin is death."

Truly the Scripture says again:—"Rejoice, O young man, in thy

Cantor, as a Boy, Pledged Himself To Help Poor Kids

By NATHAN T. ZALINSKY

Eddie Cantor, who will be one of the toastmasters at the dinner and entertainment in the Hotel Pennsylvania tomorrow night, following the launching in the afternoon of the \$4,720,000 tenth anniversary campaign of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, today told the story of the origin of his interest in some of the activities of the Federation.

"Twenty-two years ago I was one of thousands of little Jewish boys in the Ghetto of the east side of New York," said Cantor. "Our chance of growing up into useful citizens was not at all bright. The dirty tenement street was our playground. Our opportunity for clean physical and moral development was very discouraging. But at that time a new movement had begun. Some good Jews had conceived of the idea of sending more of these under-developed Jewish little boys to the country for a few weeks during the hot summer months so that they might at least get some fresh air and training in the care of the body.

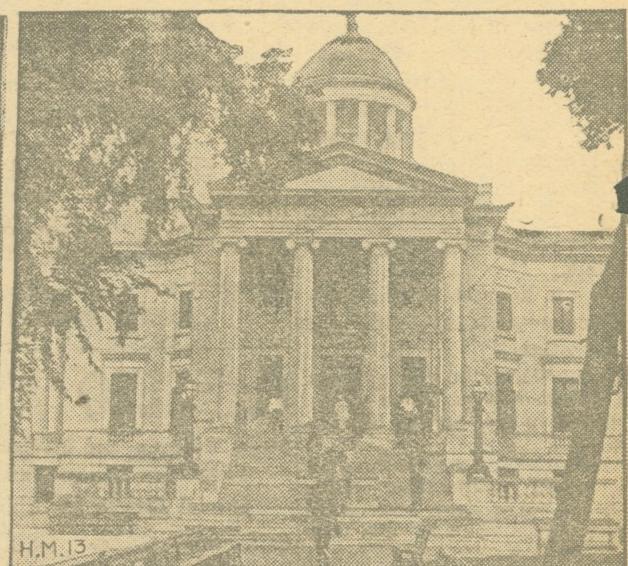
"I was among the first quota of Jewish boys sent to the fresh air camp maintained by the Federation of Jewish Charities of New York. I shall never forget this experience as long as I live. I owe so much to it. It opened up a new life to me. I enjoyed for the first time the joy of open spaces, wholesome play, and, most important, the opportunity to build up my physique, for I was not a strong boy. When the time approached for us to go back to the east side streets again the boys felt very sad. It was then a group of us boys, five in number, who had become pals, made a pledge one to the other, that if we ever became successful we would do all we could to help other little boys obtain the advantages of such an outing."

TO FILM SEA FIGHTS

LONDON.—The British admiralty is co-operating in a big naval film featuring the famous sea battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands.

WATCH FOR MONDAY'S INSTALLMENT

THE HALL-MILLS CASE



While her lawyers planned and planned, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall calmly posed for this photograph, her very latest, and asked reporters in the future to refer to her as Mrs. Edward W. Hall.

Small in stature, but a giant in intellect, Senator Alexander W. Simpson was rushed into the case as a special prosecutor, and he will be in charge of the prosecution when the trial starts.

Released on bail, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall was overjoyed to be released from her cell, two days and nights behind bars having taken its toll in the matter of faded cheeks and bringing the woman to the verge of a collapse.

Rising from the center of the town, the Somerset County Court House, at Somerville, is the place wherein the four defendants are to go on trial, for which arrangements have been made to handle great crowds, for Somerville seems destined to become another Dayton, Tenn.